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Examiner

David J. Joy

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Information Disclosure Statement filed 07 October 2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-9 and 23.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/07/2010
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Examiner, Art Unit 1785

/Mark Ruthkosky/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1785

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S COMMENT

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement ("IDS") submitted on October 7, 2010 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on July 22, 2010. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the IDS has been fully considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-9 and 23 are allowed. Applicant reserves the right to file the claims that have been cancelled, without prejudice, in a continuing application.

Addendum to Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an addendum to examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, which was recited in the Notice of Allowance mailed on July 22, 2010:

4. None of the references listed on the IDS, that was submitted on October 7, 2010 (i.e., the Patent Abstracts of the Japanese Patent Application Publication of Sapporo Breweries Ltd., JP 2003-160180, the Patent Abstracts of the Japanese Patent Application Publication of Fuji Seal Inc., JP 2001-271022, and the Patent Abstracts of the Japanese

Patent Application Publication of Fuji Seal Co. Ltd., JP 10-291252) teach or fairly suggest a heat-shrinkable cylindrical composite label having the requisite layers and specific arrangement of the side edges of the layers as the invention that is presently claimed. Furthermore, absent a hindsight reconstruction of the claimed invention, there is nothing taught therein that would suggest that the references, when combined, would render the presently-claimed invention as being easily conceivable by a person skilled in the art.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Joy whose telephone number is (571) 272-9056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM EST.

7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Ruthkosky can be reached on (571) 272-1291. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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